

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1263

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John M. Stone of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of John M. Stone; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stone was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, John Stone grew up in Clarksville, where he graduated from Clarksville High School before earning a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Austin Peay State University and a master's degree from George Washington University; and

WHEREAS, in 1968 Mr. Stone was hired as the Assistant Hospital Administrator for Nashville Metropolitan Bordeaux Hospital and was later promoted to Director of Hospitals in 1977, in which capacity he served until 2000 working closely with the Board of Hospitals, the mayor, and the city council to oversee operations for both Bordeaux and the Metropolitan Nashville General Hospital; and

WHEREAS, throughout his more than thirty years of service with the Metropolitan Nashville hospitals, John Stone performed his duties with acumen and alacrity, earning the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded individual committed to the highest ideals of public service, Mr. Stone was a graduate of the Nashville Leadership Class and served as an advisor for the Leadership Donelson-Hermitage program, as a member of the Donelson-Hermitage Chamber of Commerce, and as a member of the board for many noteworthy causes, including Our Kids, Big Brothers, and Rotary Baseball Park; he also worked part-time for the Election Commission and helped as a Poll Officer at many elections; and

WHEREAS, the first Eagle Scout from Boy Scout Troop 514, John Stone maintained a lifelong involvement with the organization; he also served the Donelson-Hermitage Rotary Club as President from 1983 to 1984 and received Rotary International's highest honor, the Paul Harris Fellowship; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stone was actively involved with Senior Citizens and was an integral aspect of the organization's successful fundraisers, including the Star Spangled Salute; and

WHEREAS, John Stone was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stone is survived by his wife of almost forty years, Margaret Joyce Stephens; his children, Julee Elizabeth Stone and John Marion Stone, Jr.; his grandchildren, Phillip Darrell Clark III, Stephen Lee Hicks, and Gabriella Danielle Stone; and his siblings, Mary Louisa Stone Goldman, Donald Guy Stone, Stephen Dan Stone, and Elizabeth Ann Stone Moore; and

WHEREAS, John Stone was preceded in death by his parents, Guy D. Stone and Mary Shemwell Stone; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stone leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of John M. Stone, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. John Stone.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.